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Dear Sir or Madam:

Transmitted herewith is an Preliminary Amendment (10 pages) in the above-identified application. Enclosed are:

- (X) A small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- (X) No additional fee is required.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

15 Please amend the above-identified application as requested herein. Applicant asserts that this amendment is respectfully submitted prior to a first office action. Applicant further asserts that this Preliminary Amendment is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. As will be discussed more fully herein, this Preliminary Amendment deletes portions of the specification, the claims, and the drawings. No new matter is added herein, particularly as only deletions are requested.

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